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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretariat, Economic Intelligence Committee  
FROM : Secretary, EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture  
SUBJECT: EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture Annual Report  
For FY 1967.

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year 1967

1. Review of the Intelligence Product in the Subcommittee's  
Field of Competence

None

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

The Subcommittee has not prepared any collection deficiency statements during the FY 67

3. Review of Substantive Papers

None

4. Review of Proposals for External Research

The Subcommittee in FY 67 reviewed one State-sponsored External Research Project Proposal, "A Constraint on Sino-Soviet Foreign Policy: Agricultural Output 1966-75." The proposal was accepted by Subcommittee members with some reservations. A subsequent review of Phase I of the above project was made by the Subcommittee. Specific recommendations were made for a well-documented and sourced study of Chinese fertilizer production and its utilization in agriculture rather than broad-brush, general comments on Chinese agricultural achievements and prospects.

5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

There have been informal discussions among some Subcommittee members on current agricultural production statistics of Communist countries. In most cases there has been substantial agreement.

6. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC or Proposed to the EIC

None

7. Intelligence Research Techniques

There was no discussion of research techniques by the Subcommittee during FY 67.

8. Special Coordination Functions of the Subcommittee

No special coordination functions were undertaken by the Subcommittee in FY 67.

9. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

Despite the infrequency of formal activity, the Subcommittee is in a unique position to influence research in the food and agricultural problems in critical areas of the world. The problems arising from the population explosion, food problems in Communist countries, and problems with less developed countries present the Subcommittee with new challenges. It is imperative that members of the intelligence community and other interested government agencies cooperate closely to ascertain potential problem areas of the world.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee should continue to identify gaps in research and collection, approve external research projects, serve as a coordinating body for all agencies and departments having responsibilities in food and agriculture, and serve as a clearing house for information and data on western countries which could be useful in appraising developments in Communist countries. The Subcommittee should be alert and discuss or bring to the attention of non-Subcommittee agencies with substantive responsibilities significant developments and activities in the field of food and agriculture throughout the world.

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